SUNDAY (Liturgical Publications will insert correct Sunday)

TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Life is full of opportunities knocking at our doors waiting to be opened. It is full of changes by which we enjoy life to the fullest. But they are not always there forever. We must grab the opportunity while we have the time and the chance or else, we end up blaming, not others, but ourselves. Invitation is an example of opportunities knocking at our door to be opened. But instead of us getting off our feet to open the door, we complain about the noise.

In today's gospel, Jesus tells us the parable of the wedding feast prepared by a king for the son. Calves and fattened cattle were killed, and a long list of guests is drawn up which included the wealthiest and most respected people in the kingdom. Clearly, he wants a wedding feast that will be remembered with joy by his son and the prospective daughter-in-law. When everything is ready, the invited guests are summoned to come. But they refused to come. Instead, they pursued their own travel and work plans. The king resorted to an unheard move; he invited all kinds of people. Can you imagine a powerful leader inviting laborers, farmers, fishermen, urban poor and even beggars and others to a wedding celebration?

But there yet is another surprise. All are invited – sinners and righteous, unworthy, and worthy persons but not all are allowed to stay. Jesus explains that though the Kingdom of God is open to all, accepting the invitation means accepting the responsibility and challenge of Christian discipleship. If we accept the invitation, we must put on "wedding garments." (v.11). The insistence of wearing wedding garments is a warning for each one of us about the future to come. So, we must clothe ourselves in the garment of virtuous living or a good life. Mere membership in the church or in religious organizations and church ministries or charitable institutions does not guarantee us salvation. To own salvation, we must have a virtuous living.

There are several signs by which we may lose that invitation by God to be in his Kingdom. Like such attitudes and actions as "I will not attend Mass because I have a family celebration, to do my laundry today"; I will not attend Mass this Sunday because I have unfinished business transaction, anyway, I'll attend next Sunday"; "I will not attend the meeting this Sunday because it's our family day or not feeling well or I'll go do the shopping, anyway Christ will understand my situation." By saying, "Christ will understand my situation," we are bribing God in presenting to Him our situation and yet we are given so much time and opportunities to do all those things. We hurt God.

Fr. Saju Oreethaparambil, C.Ss.R.

Mass Intentions for the Week

Monday, October 12 — 9:00 a.m.
- Fr. Peter Nugyen req Therese Kim Anh Phan
- Thanksgiving for blessings received req Steven
- Soul of Maria Sebastian req Ruby Benitez
- Helen Noronha req Gerry Mok
- Julien Man req Irene and Antony Man

Tuesday, October13 — 9:00 a.m.
- Raymond Nguyen req Therese Kim Anh Phan
- In memory of Joseph Anthony Italiano req Gizelle Italiano
- Soul of Maria Sebastian req Ruby Benitez
- Souls of Abugan and Mercado family req Tess and Loy

Wednesday, October 14 — 9:00 a.m.
- All souls of relatives req Therese Kim Anh Phan
- Diane Usher req Janet Martin
- Soul of Teresita Silvosa req Lolita Pascua

Thursday, October 15 — 9:00 a.m.
- In memory of E.V. Cherian req Mathew family
- Soul of Helen Visi req Joseph and Liz Novak
- Soul of Antonita Gundan req Loy and Tessie Abugan

Friday, October 16 — 9:00 a.m.
- Souls in purgatory req Benilda Fajardo
- Living and deceased members of deLeon and San Andres families req Joe and Naty deLeon

Saturday, October 17 — 5:00 p.m.
- All souls in purgatory req Therese Kim Anh Phan
- Benjamin Man req Irene and Antony Man

Sunday, October 18 — 10:00 am
For St. Charles Garnier Parish Community

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTIONS



This week the lamp burns:

1. **For the Sanchez family, Terrance Kersteins And all souls in purgatory req Maria Fe and Mariecel Sanchez**
2. **Thanksgiving for all blessings received Req Maria Laguisma**

***"The light shines in the darkness and the darkness does not overcome it."* (Jn. 1:5)**

Volunteers needed for cleaning the Church in preparation for our Holy Mass with his Excellency Bishop Dawbrowski.
Date: Monday, Oct. 19th after the 9:00 a.m. Holy Mass

DATE (Liturgical Publications will insert correct Date)

October 3/4, 2026

PARISH SUPPORT

Sunday Offering	**$1,631.00**
Building Fund	**363.00**
Loose Offering	**584.00**

Thank you for your generosity and continued support to St. Charles Garnier Parish.

60th ANNIVERSARY – DIAMOND JUBILEE CELEBRATION (1966–2026)

With great joy, we invite all our parishioners, families, and friends to celebrate 60 wonderful years of St. Charles Garnier Parish. Let us come together as one parish family to give thanks to God, celebrate our journey of faith, and look forward to the future with hope and joy.

JUBILEE THANKSGIVING MASS
Tuesday, October 20, 2026
5:00 p.m. Main Celebrant:
His Excellency Bishop Joseph Dabrowski, C.S.M.A.

JUBILEE DINNER: 7:00 p.m.
Parish Hall, St. Naum Church, 1150 Stone Church Road East, Hamilton, ON L8W 2C7
Dinner: Adults – $75 | Children 10 & under – $30
(Tickets to be purchased by October 6th.)

You can Pay for Dinner through E-Transfer:
stcharlesgarnierhamilton@hamiltondiocese.com
or
order tickets on line at:
https://www.zeffy.com/en-CA/ticketing/saint-charles-garnier-60th-anniversary

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"The Lord has done great things for us; We are glad." (Ps.126:3)

PILGRIMAGE TOUR TO SOUTH KOREA AND JAPAN

Under the Spiritual Guidance of Fr. Saju
April 7-20, 2027 (14 days)
More details call QS Travel and Tours Inc.
Tel: 905- 412-2242
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THREE-DAY HEALING MISSION –A GRATEFUL HEART

We give our heartfelt thanks to Fr. Bill Trusz and his team for leading us through our three-day Healing Mission. We are deeply grateful for their prayerful guidance, inspiring reflections, and loving witness, which helped us draw closer to Jesus, our Diving Healer.

We are also grateful to all the parishioners and others who participated in these special days of prayer, faith, healing and renewal. May the Lord continue to strengthen our faith, heal our hearts, and deepen our trust in His loving presence.

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." – Matthew 11:28

May the blessings and graces received during this Mission continue to bear fruit in our parish community and in each of our lives.

Thank you, Fr. Bill, and thank you to everyone who joined us! Jesus, Our Divine Healer, be with us always.

OCTOBER: THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



The Rosary remains a powerful prayer that continues to draw people closer to God and strengthen their spiritual lives. Whether praying for peace, for family, or for the Church, the Rosary is a symbol of hope and a channel of grace. As we dedicate October to the Holy Rosary, let us make the Rosary part of our daily prayer. Whether we pray a whole Rosary or begin with just one decade, let us take a few moments each day to be with Mary and draw closer to Jesus.

***"Pray the Rosary every day."* – Our Lady of Fatima**

Blessed Virgin Mary, Our Lady of the Rosary.. pray for us

THANKSGIVING: A TIME TO GIVE THANKS

As we celebrate Thanksgiving, we are reminded of the many blessings God has given us. We give thanks not only for the food on our tables and the people we love, but also for the gift of faith, the gift of family and friends, and the many ways God is present in our lives. Let us take a moment to remember those who may be struggling, lonely, sick, or facing difficult circumstances. May we share our blessings with others through kindness, compassion, and generosity.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good; His mercy endures forever." –Psalm 107:1

May God bless you and your families with peace, joy, good health, and a grateful heart.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!